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Zionsville Town Council President named to Holcomb's transition team

Zionsville Town Council President Susana Suarez will serve on Gov.-elect Eric Holcomb's transition team. The 16-member transition board met for the first time Wednesday to immediately begin working on the administration's priorities for the next four years.

The team will help manage the transition and inaugural activities leading up to Holcomb officially taking office in January 2017. In her role, Suarez will help determine the priorities the administration will keep and change. She will also help fill key administrative positions that will enable Holcomb and Lt. Gov.-elect Suzanne Crouch to carry out their vision for the state.

"On behalf of the Town, we are excited about this opportunity for Susana," Mayor Haak said. "Susana has served in many leadership roles in Boone County and beyond and will bring a vast amount of expertise to this role."

A member of the Town Council since 2011, as well as Vice President of the Zionsville Safety Board and Vice President of the Board of Police Commissioners, Suarez has a comprehensive background in federal, state and local government. She is a member of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the governor-appointed body that oversees the missions and plans of the state's public colleges and universities. She is also a small business owner.

"I have experience in transition teams at a national level so this is an exciting time to be at the local level," Suarez said. "I am honored that I was asked to be part of this team and am really looking forward to what Holcomb and Crouch have in mind for the state of Indiana."

Co-leading the Holcomb-Crouch transition team will be co-chairs Earl Goode and Kyle Hupfer, both members of the former Mitch Daniels administration. Other team members include La Porte Mayor Blair Milo, Former Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman and U.S. Sen. Dan Coats aide Rebecca Holwerda.

"This role will really help bring to light that Zionsville is continuing to grow. I can really see this enhancing the visibility of the town," Suarez said.

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